मध्य प्रदेश में दूरभाष केन्द्रों का आधुनिकीकरण

450. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश में सभी दूरभाष केन्द्रों का आधुनिकीकरण कर दिया गया है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो आधुनिकीकरण किए गए दूरभाष केन्द्रों तथा पुरानी प्रणाली पर आधारित दूरभाष केन्द्रों की संख्या कितनी है;

(ग) सभी दूरभाष केन्द्रों का आधुनिकीकरण कब तक कर दिया जाएगा;

(घ) क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में दूरभाष केन्द्रों के आधुनिकीकरण के कार्य में विलम्ब हो रहा है; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में दूरभाष केन्द्रों का प्राथमिकता के आधार पर आधुनिकीकरण कब तक कर दिया जाएगा?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) (i) इलैक्ट्रानिक बनाकर आधुनिकीकृत एक्सचेंजों की संख्या 3034

(ii) पुरानी प्रणाली पर आधारित — एक्सचेंज अर्थात इलेक्ट्रो-मैकेनिकल की संख्या 6

जोड़ = 3040

(ग) 9 वीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश के सभी एक्सचेंजों का आधुनिकीकरण हो जाने की आशा है।

(घ) जी, नहीं।

(ङ) मध्य प्रदेश के ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों के सभी टेलीफोन एक्सचेंजों का आधुनिकीकरण हो चुका है।

Provision of Accommodation for Postal Employees at Bhuj in Gujarat

451. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide housing accommodation to the postal employees at the district headquarters in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the policy in this regard;

(c) whether there is any housing scheme for the postal employees of class III & IV provided at Bhuj;

(d) if so, the details thereof category-wise; and

(e) by when accommodation is likely to be made available to all employees of Class III & IV alongwith the details of programme chalked out by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Department constructs staff quarters where required provided funds, land and other resourses are available.

(c) and (d) There is no housing scheme for postal employees at Bhuj. Only the Postmaster of Bhuj Post Office has been provided with a post-attached quarter.

(e) Quarters are constructed for postal employees depending on the availability of funds.

Waiting List of Telephones in Punjab and U. P.

452. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of pending requests for telephone connections in Punjab and U. P. as on 31st January, 1997;

(b) by when the aforesaid telephone connections are likely to be provided to the people of the said States; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) The district-wise number of pending requests for telephone connections as on 31st January, 1997 in Punjab is given in Statement-I and that for U. P. in Statement-II and Statement-III (*See* below).

(b) The aforesaid waiting list of telephone connections are likely to be cleared during 1997-98 in U. P. (E), U. P. (W) and progressively during 1997-98 and 1998-99 in Punjab.

(c) Planning is being done to fix the target for 1997-98 and to arrange necessary equipment and materials in this regard.

Statement-I

PUNJAB

Sl. No.	Name of Revenue District	Waiting List
1.	Amritsar	12047
2.	Bathinda	5352
3.	Mansa	3741
4.	Ferozepur	10980
5.	Faridkot	3328
6.	Moga	5338
7.	Mukatsar	4750
8.	Hoshiarpur	13735
9.	Jalandhar	27178
10.	Nawanshahar	6780
11.	Kapurthala	10174
12.	Ludhiana	56659
13.	Gurdaspur	9872
14.	Patiala	13919
15.	Fatehgarh Sahib	3867
16.	Ropar	13750
17.	Sangrur	15295
	TOTAL	216756
18.	Chandigarh (UT)	5665
19.	Punchkula	6120
	GRAND TOTAL	228550

Statement-II

District-wise waiting list for U. P. (East)

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Waiting list as on 31.1.97
1.	Lucknow	1614
2.	Kanpur	14833
3.	Kanpur Dehat	536
4.	Unnao	943
5.	Varanasi	6802
6.	Bhadoi	861
7.	Allahabad	5556
8.	Gorakhpur	5015
9.	Maharajganj	447

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Waiting list as on 31.1.97
10.	Jhansi	1805
11.	Lalitpur	693
12.	Mau	1643
13.	Deoria	3056
14.	Badrauna	886
15.	Barabanki	1277
16.	Faizabad	732
17.	Ambedkarnagar	360
18.	Behraich	351
19.	Gonda	1477
20.	Basti	1324
21.	Sidharthnagar	1215
22.	Sitapur	153
23.	Shahjahanpur	1491
24.	Lakhimpur	1077
25.	Hardoi	1067
26.	Banda	780
27.	Etawah	1400
28.	Mainpuri	1500
29.	Raibareilly	626
30.	Fatehpur	570
31.	Orai (Jaion)	780
32.	Farrukhabad	1516
33.	Amirpur	410
34.	Mahoba	326
35.	Azamgarh	3058
36.	Ballia	833
37.	Ghazipur	531
38.	Mirzapur	690
39.	Jaunpur	1889
40.	Sonebhadra	682
41.	Sultanpur	1211
42.	Pratapgarh	565
	TOTAL	72581

Statement-III

U. P. (West) Telecom Circle

CGM(W) DEHRA DUN

Sl. No.	Name of Revenue District	No. of persons on Waiting List (Upto January '97)
1.	Agra	7460
2.	Ferozabad	2820

Sl. No.	Name of Revenue District	No. of persons on Waiting List (Upto January' 97)
3.	Almora	1050
4.	Pithoragarh	347
5.	Aligarh	4746
6.	Bareilly	2883
7.	Bijnore	3039
8.	Dehradun	11288
9.	Etah	1580
10.	Ghaziabad	19640
11.	Bulandshahar	6005
12.	Mathura	3819
13.	Meerut	3042
14.	Muzaffarnagar	4645
15.	Moradabad	6595
16.	Nainital	4250
17.	U. S. Nagar	2489
18.	Saharanpur	4605
19.	Hardwar	4060
20.	Pauri	300
21.	Chamoli	1500
22.	Uttarkashi	600
23.	Tehri	452
24.	Rampur	950
25.	Pilibhit	300
26.	Budaun	554
	TOTAL	99073

Improving postal distribution system in Punjab

453. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that postal distribution system in the villages of border areas of Punjab is very poor and letters, telegrams, money orders and other letters are delivered by the Postal Department very late in these areas;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to improve the postal distribution system in the State?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) and (b) The postal distribution system in the villages of the border areas of Punjab is satisfactory and the letters, telegrams, money orders etc. are generally delivered in time. However, instances of delays do occur due to various reasons such as cancellation/late running of mail-carrying buses, trains and planes, natural calamities like floods, and due to sudden and exceptionally heavy volume of mails like Corporate mail and Greetings mail.

(c) The transmission and delivery of mails and money orders in the state is continuously monitored at various levels and corrective measures are taken wherever deficiencies are noticed.